of view and their long neglected condition, it is respectfully prayed—

(1) that the initial cost of water-supply scheme may be kindly borne by Government,

(2) that the land revenue derived within the Municipal limits may be kindly granted to the Municipality as it is the wet lands which have contributed to the unhealthiness of the towns.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Improvements to Melkote.

Mr. M. G. Shamaiengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—The Melkote town is in a decaying condition. It is now time for the Government to take necessary steps to remedy the present state of this famous place of sanctity. Plague has permanently set foot in the town and has carried away nearly one-half of the population up to date. It is prayed that Government may take this matter into their generous consideration. The improvements suggested by Mr. Bhore have not been tried for some reason or other. They may be reconsidered and the town permanently improved. Some office may be located there or it may be connected by a Railway.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Water-supply to Mysore City.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When the Mysore City water works were opened, there was a proposal to levy a water tax, but it was vetoed. Circumstances changed subsequently and the tax has now been imposed. On account of its importance as the capital of the State and the several festive occasions therein, the city is very largely visited by people. This fact does not seem to have been taken into consideration when the minimum free allowance was fixed. It is therefore prayed that (1) the minimum free allowance of water in the city may be raised from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons, (2) for the excess water consumed, the charge be reduced from 12 annas to 8 annas per 1,000 gallons, (3) the free allowance be calculated at 200 gallons for every rupee of rental value and (4) adjustments be effected by taking into consideration the total quantity consumed during a period of six months or one whole year.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—Electric power supplied for pumping water for drinking purposes, may be charged at a lower rate than that at which it is charged in the case of industrial companies. A fixed contribution of about Rs. 15,000 per annum may be accepted from the Municipality for the water supplied to the city. The meter system may be abolished and no restriction placed on the owners of houses having service connections in regard to the quantity of water to be consumed. The Kukkarahalli tank water may also be utilized for drinking purposes for